

Parish of
Harpenden



St Mary's Monthly Missive January 2018



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Notices

FOOD BANK DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

A big thank you goes to everyone who supported the Food Bank over the Christmas period. We were able to take a great many Christmas treats to the two banks we support, the Harpenden branch of The Salvation Army and FEED at The Vineyard in St Albans, as well as our usual donations. All the supplies were gratefully received and make a real difference to people who find themselves having to turn to the Food Banks for help to feed their families. Additional thanks to those of you who were also able to complete the reverse Advent Calendar, a new idea this Christmas and well supported. Jenny Clark

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

As the New Year starts, it could be a good time to begin some regular bible study by taking the New Daylight bible reading notes. The notes provide a short bible passage, a brief commentary and a thought to finish with, for every day of the year. There is a new theme every two weeks. The readings are a mix of the familiar and those which you may never have come across. The commentators come from a variety of religious backgrounds. The notes cost £13.20 for the whole year (£16.95 for a large print version) or you can access them online for a small fee. If you are really keen you could join the group which meets once a month on a Friday afternoon, led by Marion Pearson, to discuss what we have been reading; it is always interesting to hear other people's views on the notes. If you want to find out more, please contact me. Jenny Clark

A Little Lunch – Monday 8th January @ 12.30pm

A Little Lunch is held once a month on a Monday and is open to everyone who is over 75 years young and lives alone. Guests are picked up at 12 and brought back home about 2pm after having a two course home cooked meal.

If you would like to come along for some great food and company, or know someone that would, please get in touch. For those of you who wish to help, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Maureen Lamburn.

Tuesday Afternoon Group – January 9th at 2pm

Postponed from December due to the snow. This month's theme is 'All Things Musical' with Christine Hordern. This meeting is normally for members only. For more information please speak with Jenny Evans.

SAS Youth Group – Sunday 14th & 28th January @ 5-7pm. We will be at All Saints on the 14th for a chill out, and at Sally's (86 Tuffnells Way) on the 28th, for a film night. Contact Sally Goodson if you need further information (associate.vicar@st.marys.parishofharpenden.org).

Inter Church Quiz – **Saturday 20th January** at Roundwood Park School
Teams of 6. Cost £6 per person. Application forms available from the parish office or contact Tony Gilbert to let him know you are entering a team

X-Site – **Saturday 27th January** 6.00-8.00pm @ High Street Methodist
Children's event for those in school years 3-6.

This Month Please Pray For....

- Those making any kind of new start in this New Year, including those looking for work.
- All who work with our children and young people in Explorers and SAS, that new adults might join the teams.
- The work of Noah and Azalea in Luton who received our Christmas collections.

Future Dates

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent

St Mary's Fete: planning for a date in May, we are looking for one or two people to take this forward. Please contact Sally if that might be you.

Next Month

Please send submissions for February Missive by January 15th to missive@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org or speak to Ro Marriott/ Sally Goodson

Services in January

Sunday 7th January – EPIPHANY

9.30 am – Service of the Word – Rev'd Sally Goodson & Rev'd Nick Goulding

11.00 am – Holy Communion – Rev'd Nick Goulding

Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Rev'd Linda Williams (preside & preach)

Hilary Pask (assist)

Tuesday 16th January 10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP):

Rev'd Sally Goodson, followed by coffee

Sunday 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 am – Sung Eucharist - Rev'd Sally Goodson (preside) Nina Featherstone (assist)

4.30 pm – Simply Worship – Jenny Goulding and Sally Goodson

6.30 pm - Christian Unity Service at St John the Baptist

Sunday 28th January – Candlemas

9.30am Sung Eucharist – Rev'd Sally Goodson (preside & preach)

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Sunday 4th February: 9.30 Service of the Word followed by Holy Communion at 11am

Tuesday 6th February 10.00 am Holy Communion – Rev'd Sally Goodson